**Welfare meastires for Harijans ln Bihar**

2160. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE toe pleases to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castles, Government Of India had recently visited Pipra Village % Bihar to review the varioug welfare measures for Harijans and for the follow up action to be taken for their rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. ' RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Article 338 of the Constitution provides for the appointment of a Special officer (commonly known as Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) to investigate all matters relating to safeguards provided in the Constitution for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He is required under the Constituion to report to the President Osi the working of constitutional safeguards, who shall cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament and the State Legislatures, if certain portions of the report concern any particular State. The Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castes in the office of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been appointed to assist the "Special Officer to fulfil his constitutional obligations. Ministry of Welfare has no information regarding the visit of Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castes to Pipra village in Bihar nor has any report been sent to the Ministry in the matter.

**Varadaraj an Committee Report on nitrogenous fertilizer plants**

2161. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPFNDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been recently represented to Government that tha Varadaraj an Committee recommenda tions on new nitrogenous fertiliser plants, if implemented, would se riously impair the growth of fertili zer industry in the country; and

(b) if so. what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU); (a) No, Sir. No representation to the effect that the recommendations of the Varadaraj an Committee if implemented, would seriously impair the growth of the fertilizer industry in •the country, has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Recruitment of transmission executive etc.**

2162. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the qualifications ge nerally prescribed for recruitment to the posts of Transmission Executive, Programme Assistant, Programme Executive etc., in All India Radio;

(b) whether experience in the field Of fine arts/performing arfe (including music) is included as one of the qualifications for the above posts;

(c) if so, the reasons for not Pre" scribing the same qualifications *tor* the pofets of Transmission Executives in All India Radio advertised in "Employment News" dated the 23rd April, 1988;